

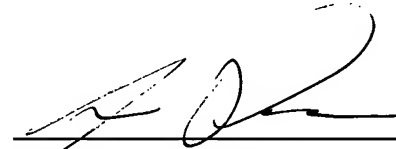
REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6-9, 11-13 and 15-26 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention notwithstanding Applicants' belief that the claims would have been allowable as pending. Accordingly, Applicants assert that the new claims do not constitute a narrowing within the meaning of Festo Corp. v Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., 56 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. 2000). The amendment is supported by the specification and adds no new matter.

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